
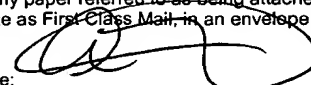


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				Group Art Unit 2131	
Applicant(s): Tomoyuki Asano, Yoshihito Ishibashi, Taizo Shirai and Toru Akishita				Docket No. SONYTA 3.3-139	
Invention: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND DATA PROCESSING METHOD					
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 4-9, 12-16, 19, 22-26, 29-33, 36, 39-43 and 46, the following reply is presented with respect to the above-identified U.S. patent application.